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REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS.

Recollections of Ceylon, after a Residence of nearly Thirty Years; with an Account of the Church Missionary Society's Operations, &c. By the Rev. J. Selkirk, Curate of Middleton Tyas. 8vo, pp. 544. London, Hatchard and Son. WHEN we looked at the contents of this volume, which, even in spite of "the Rev." before the ominous Robinson Crusoeish name of "Selominous Roomson Crusoetsii name of Schikirk," gave us an anticipatory twinge, we ejaculated, Thank heaven, here is the work of an author upon the Orient who does not shoot! He neither crashes through jungles, nor spears boars, nor hunts royal tigers, nor shoots elephants: he is a wonder for the East, and a miracle for Ceylon. Well, then, what sort of information has he afforded us? We think about the most complete we have had respecting this magnificent island, and developing a number of original traits which have escaped the notice of former travellers and residents. His profession led him into a different intercourse with the natives from that of the soldier or civilian, and a closer inquiry into their habits. At least, he appears to us to have studied them more carefully. Sir Alexander Johnston and Wilmot Horton did a great deal for Ceylon; the former, legally; the latter, politically and commercially. And from these records it appears that the Church Missionaries, as well as those of America, have performed excellent service, of which we hope and trust the beneficial fruits will be abundantly reaped during all future time.

Leaving these important topics, however, for graver examination, we shall turn our eyes for selection to the more miscellaneous matters which Mr. Selkirk has produced, and by a few brief notices endeavour, if not to illustrate his work, at least to interest our readers. Among

"The Bo-tree (bō-gaha) or 'God-tree,' as Knox calls it, is held in great esteem by the natives, as being the tree under which Budha, when in the island, was accustomed to sit and preach to the people, and against which he leaned at his death. It is to be found near every wihāra; and every place where it grows is counted sacred. Those that grow near the wihāras are generally enclosed with stones to the height of three or four feet, the roots carefully covered with earth, and the space around swept clean. Sometimes the natives carry their veneration for it so far as to erect an altar, or place a table under it, and burn lamps near it, and offer flowers, &c. to it daily, as they do to the images of Budha at their wihāras. If they find one of these trees in the jungle, the place is cleared round it, and it is protected with as much care as those near the temples. It is a work of great merit to plant these trees, as he who does so is sure to go to heaven when he dies. It grows to a great height, and has long spreading branches. The leaf has a stalk three inches long, and is itself four inches long and

of six or seven. It is never eaten. The wood is soft and white; but as it is a great sin to cut it down, it is never used, the people being forbidden by their religion to burn it, even if they should find it lying on the ground rotting. It is often called 'bodin-wahanse' by the Sing-halese,—the termination 'wahanse' being added to the names of things and persons for whom they express great reverence.

The Prataya Salaka is a native book of moral sentences, and well deserving reference in a Literary Gazette. The following are exam-

ples:"Stanza 3. A period of one hundred years is limited to man; half of this is night; half of that is boyhood and old age; and the remainder is replete with frequent visitations of ill-health and troubles; -- what happiness, therefore, remains for man, who is like the rolling billows of the troubled ocean?

" Stanza 4. The acquisition of learning forms a great beauty to one not gifted with personal beauty; it is a treasure inexhaustible; a friend making use of various means for increasing wealth; an associate assisting to render him famous, and to procure his happiness;—it is a treasure of treasures; a kind and inseparable relative in travelling; a powerful guardian deity; an object to be venerated by kings; whoever, therefore, is destitute of learning, and unacquainted with science, is certainly no better than a brute.

"Stanza 15. If we be visited with any calamity or misfortune, we are not to look upon it as an evil proceeding either from the king, the ministers, our adversaries, our relations, or the planets; but we ought to reckon it as resulting from fate (karma), according to the good or evil done in a former existence.

" Stanza 16. Though we may give credit to the word of a man who affirms that he has discovered flowers on a fig-tree, or that he has discovered white-coloured crows, or even that he has traced the footsteps of fishes,-yet we can never by any possibility rely on the heart

of a woman.
"Stanza 26. It is impossible that a woman of a fiery temper should sooth the mind of her husband, whose heart is like a vessel full of

" Stanza 36 (is far from complimentary to the sex). The mere sight of a young woman causes a man's heart to be distorted within him; a little intimacy deprives him of his treasures and his stores; and at last, when he has arrived so far as to have full acquaintance with her, he brings about his own destruction;women, therefore, may be called nothing else than a savage race of she-devils.

"Stanza 41. An owl is blind by daylight, and a raven at night; but a man who cherishes malice, envy, and anger, is much more blind, being as it were deprived of sight both night and day, seeing nothing, and insensible to everything connected with good and evil."

Our next refers to an amusing fable:—
"Stanza 45. One who is artful shall be dethree broad—is triangular, and has a long and sharp point. The leaves are always in motion. The fruit is small and round, and about the of no weight in the state: an example of this size of a pea, full of extremely small seeds, and may be seen in the case of the tortoise and the grows at the base of each leaf-stalk in clusters lion, as the former by his art and device brought

on the destruction of the lion.-The fable is this: A lion of great size and dexterity, in running used to jump over a ford which was four yoduns (sixty-four miles) across. As he continued to do this for some time, a tortoise came to him and bet a wager that before the lion could leap across, he, the tortoise, would swim under the water to the other side. When the lion agreed, and retired for a day, the tortoise took advantage of this, and contrived totse took advantage of this, and contrived that while he and the lion were on this side, and the lion leaped across, another tortoise being on the other side should present himself, and put this question, 'Why do you come so late?' The tortoise having acted thus, the lion, after a few vain attempts, fell down into the water and died."

With another of these allegorically illustrated precepts, we conclude :- " Stanza 47. Whoever is much bent upon another's destruction, or cherishes evil designs against his neighbour, he truly does nothing, and prepares to do nothing, but to pave the way for his own ruin, which will unawares fall upon his own head, as is evident from the case of the crane and the crab.—The fable is this: An evil-designing crane frightened the fishes of a pond with the news of some impending danger, which would certainly fall upon them if they continued any longer to live in the pond, but which they might escape if they would listen to his admonitions, viz. to leave the pond, and seek for another. As the pond was unconnected with another. As the pond was unconnected with any other, they were unable to do this. The crane, out of kindness, promised that if they would confide in his word, he would conduct them to an adjoining pond. He would take them one by one in his mouth, and carry them. All the fishes agreed, and the crane continued for a day or two to swallow all he carried. A crab, suspecting the wickedness of the crane, asked the crane to take him also. This, after some demur, he did. The crab, unlike the fish, took hold on the crane's neck and squeezed him to death."

Respecting the natives, and their superstitions, there are many very curious accounts. Here is a cure for small-pox, almost as effectual,

they believe, as vaccination:"In the midst of a large open space of ground a high pole is erected, generally an Arcka-nut tree, with the bunch of leaves at the top cut off. From the top of this pole ropes made of parts of the cocca-nut leaf are extended to the four corners of an enclosed place. A burning lamp is fixed on the top; and there are several other lamps in other places. A large hole is dug in the ground, in which is placed the lower part of a dug-up cocoa-nut tree, about ten feet long, with the roots upwards. Between this and a large tree about twelve yards distant are fastened two large horns; and the thick and tough junglecreepers, with which they are bound together, are fastened to the tree on one side, and to the stump of the cocoa-nut tree on the other. On each side are from sixty to one hundred men, trying with all their might to break the horn. If the horn of either party breaks, that party

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quering party, after the performance of some ceremony at the tree, carry their horn to a small maduwa prepared for it at another part of the village, in great triumph; and, at the end of a certain number of days, the kapuwas, or devil-priests, are called, and a grand ceremony takes place. The people firmly believe that 'pulling horns' is the only way to get rid of the small-pox, which they call the 'great disease.' And they say, too, that when this disease is prevalent in the country, the gods in the other world are in the habit of pulling horns at night to stop it. In proof of this, a man told me a few days ago, that his father was once travelling at night, and on his way he heard at a short distance a noise such as is made at the pulling of horns, and when he came to the place he found nobody, and he was sure the noise could only proceed from the The poor man, however, was so frightened, that he went home and died soon after.".

Their astronomy is also original:-" The nine planets are—Iru, the sun; Handu, the moon; Angaharuwa, Mars; Budahu, Mercury; Brahaspati, Jupiter; Sikura, Venus; Senasura, Saturn; Kehulu, the earth; and Rahu, a kind of being that is said to take the sun or moon into its mouth whenever an eclipse takes place." These are ceremoniously invoked by astrologers on behalf of sick persons, and believed to possess the power of curing them.

The strict adherence to caste appears to have much influence on Ceylon; and the divisions of the people into Singhalese, Tamulians, Portuguese and their mixed descendants, Dutch and their equally mixed offspring (the latter being represented as far better ordered than the former), Malays, Caffres, Moormen, Wedahs, and Rodiyas (or outcasts), are enough to give their English ruler considerable trouble in the task of equal government. Of the last-mentioned, we are told:

"In various parts of Ceylon, but especially in the interior, east of Kandy, in the country of Bintenne, is found a tribe of natives, called Wedahs, of whose origin, customs, religion, and language, very little is known. Some of them speak a broken dialect of the Singhalese, which would lead to the supposition either of their having been Singhalese, but for some cause or other been banished into the jungles, and compelled to live separate from the rest of the in-habitants, or that when the rest of the people were cultivating fields and sowing and planting for their support, and subject to the control of government, they still, to retain their liberty, chose rather to retire into the fastnesses of the country, where for centuries they have remained unmolested either by the Portuguese, the Dutch, or the English, into whose hands the country has successively fallen. They are said to be fairer than the other inhabitants of the island, to be well made, have long beards, long hair fastened in a knot on the crown of their heads, and to wear scarcely any covering on any part of their bodies. Some, indeed, are said to entirely destitute of clothing. They have little intercourse with other natives. They live chiefly on the flesh of animals which they take in hunting or kill with the bow and arrow, and on the fruits of the trees. They build no huts, but sleep either in the trees, or at the foot of them, or in caves in the ground. It is said that, when they require knives, cloths, or any article of iron, they contrive to make their wants known by marking them on the talpat-leaf, which they deposit by night near some

village with a quantity of ivory, wax, or honey, and that on the following night they find their wants supplied. Honey forms an article of food among them, and in some respects answers the purposes of salt, as they preserve their food in it. Their dogs are described as being remarkably sagacious, and are of the greatest value to them in their hunting excursions. The Rodiyas, or Outcasts, another tribe of natives, inhabit different parts of the interior. They are looked upon by the other natives as persons of so degraded a character that they will have no communication with a Rodiva village. They have a will ame long. The ance, and scarcely wear any clothing. The only dress of either male or female is a piece only dress of either their loins. They live village. They have a wild and rough appearpartly by cultivating the lands that belong to the villages which they inhabit, and partly by robbery and plunder. They have no marriage robbery and plunder. but live together promiscuously. It is also doubtful whether they have any religious worship, as they are so much despised by other people, that no one would frequent a Wibāra or Dēwāla which the Rodiyas go to. I have heard of a few in the district of Mātalē who have been induced to embrace Christianity, and have been baptised. Government have lately made attempts to civilise them.

number in the island is not great."

Herewith we bid farewell to Mr. Selkirk's volume, which, besides our favourable notice, must possess still stronger recommendations to

the regards of the Christian world.

The Life and Times of the good Lord Cobham By Thomas Gaspey, author of "The Lollards," &c. &c. 2 vols. H. Cunningham. WE are glad to see Mr. Gaspev again labouring in the field of literature, from which he seems to us to have been too long a truant. This historical episode is written in his usual popular style; and places before the reader a vivid picture of a period pregnant with extraordinary future consequences. Much of it has been the theme of religious and political controversy; and, as in all such cases, it is not easy for posterity to ascertain the true from the false. Mr. Gaspey inclines strongly to the Lollards and their great supporters, and, in proportion, is hostile to the Roman Catholic church, the pope, the clergy, and to King Henry V. as yielding to their intrigues and seductions in the persecution of his people who inclined to the new reformed doctrines. The data and reasoning by which he supports his views are, in general, stated in a judicious and moderate tone; and with one slight exception, of a reflective nature (page 255, vol. ii.), we have no fault to find with his manner of treating the life of his hero and the conduct of his enemies. At any rate, his language is milk and water to the fierce outpourings and abuse we have read on both sides of the same question. When men thought the gallows, fire and faggot, tortures, and eternal punishment, only too good for those who differed from them, they were not very likely to be delicate in the terms by which they expressed these gentle, humane, and Christian-like opinions. It was the time when pilgrimages to saintly shrines were holy fairs; when drowning or burning witches were holyday pastimes; when beheading noble traitors were common spectacles; when hanging and roasting heretics were delectable recreations for the lofty as well as the vulgar,-that etiquette was out of fashion, and the plain-spokenness of our ancestors degenerated into a sort of Billingsgate, only more

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We are inclined to think that Mr. Gaspey does injustice to the fifth Henry; and that if he had happened to be his theme, he might have had more to say against the hardly doubtful loyalty of Lord Cobham. With regard to the Romish clergy, we must weigh their opposition to, or, if you please, persecution of, him, Wickliffe, Huss, Jerome of Prague, and all the other assailants of their power and wealth, in the spirit of an age when human suffering and life were utterly disregarded on all hands; and not according to the liberal ideas professed in the 19th century. And what then do we see The possessors of aught valuable defending it per fas aut nefas-perhaps firmly persuaded the were right, and consequently that every inroa on them was a crime which ought to be prevented and punished with the utmost severity bigoted, intolerant, dreading change. same instruments they used were used by all the strong against all the weak, in politic, civil wars, court-machinations, contests for deminion, revengeful feuds, private quarrels, and every Machiavelian struggle. The archbishops of Canterbury therefore, Arundel and Chichely were only doing what was natural in their was cation. But we will not enter farther on them remarks, being well satisfied with the manne in which Mr. Gaspey has performed the task as set to himself and laid down in his preface Only we have a great admiration for Henry V, who was not only an illustrious warrior, but we believe, a zealous Christian, according h the notions of his time and the principles is culcated as the only path to salvation by the church in which he was a member and believe. That he in reality contemplated an expedition to the Holy Land, is now matter of history.

When Henry resented the contumacy of Cob ham, the youthful companion of his (exargerated) profligacy, we are told of his "ord-nances for wawre" promulgated at Mance, an

nances for wawre promugated a highly condemning the Wickliffe heresy: "The second article is as follows: that no man be soe hardy, unlesse he be a priest to touch the sacrament of Godes body, upon the payne to be hanged and drawn therefore; nor that noe man be soe hardy to touch the bode or vessel in which the sacrament is is upon the same payne; also, that noe manne of man be see hardie to robbe or pill holy church of noe good nor ornament longing is the churche; nor to sley any man of he church, religeous nor none other, but if he h armed, upon payne of death; nor that any ma be see hardie to sley or enforce any woman upon lyke payne; and that noe man take not man nor woman of holy church prisoner, no other religeous pson, except they be armed, upon payne of imprisonment, and his bodie at the king's will.' Thus, in the same ordinant which prohibited violence to the person, hanging and quartering were decreed against him who should merely touch the sacramental vesse with a layman's hand! Other offences, which in his earlier days he regarded as venial, were visited with great severity. In the same cou we find one very singular article. It declare the royal pleasure to be- 'That noe man have ne hold any commen weomen within his lodge ing, upon payn of loosing a month's wages and if any man fynd, or can fynd any cor woman lodginge, my said lord commanded him to take from her or them all the most that maye be found upon her or them, and take a staff and drive her out of the hoste, and break her arme.' The punishment thus is flicted by King Henry the Fifth on disorders

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females would seem to have given rise to a saying which is in common use to this day in the northern counties, where the whisper respect-ing an unmarried female about to become a mother is, that 'she has had her arm broken.' It will be easily conceived that Henry, when he sought to convince, had been little accustomed to fail. Such undutiful resistance, and from an old favourite companion, as was op-posed to him by Cobham, he was soon per-suaded, really evinced great impiety. He there-fore, as we have seen, declined further conference with one so mournfully in error, and so incapable of being reclaimed."

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Then came Cobham's trial and condemnation, his escape from the Tower, his exile, his re-capture, and his barbarous execution; delayed in the narrative by an account of the final days and fates of John Huss and Jerome of Prague. The polemics in all these true histories have ever filled us with disgust and indignation; as they have done again in the author's clever exposition. The immolation of Cobham's fellow-reformers in humbler spheres supplies materials for some interesting matter, and we close with one, as a sample of the whole:—

"Chichely was most firmly bent on putting down the new opinions. Of the severities which he countenanced, too many proofs remain. The remarkable case of one unfortunate person is not very generally known on account of the humble circumstances of the sufferer. It will be found curious from the view which it It will be found curious from the view which it affords of the then condition of English literature. In the year 1415 a book found great favour among the disciples of Wickliffe, called 'The Lanthorn of Light.' It was widely circulated, almost as widely as possible, bearing in mind the limited means which then existed for making a work of merit known. Printing, though there are reasons for believing the art then existed, had certainly not been brought into common use. Copies of 'The Lanthorn of Light,' however, fairly written, were multiplied and handed about among the reformers, and were so valued that even godly persons, who could not read, desired to obtain the treasure. A citizen, of little note, named Cleydon, had possessed himself of this much-admired work, and several other manuscripts. By some treachery the fact was made known to the authorities, and in consequence he was arrested by the lord mayor of London, and on the 17th of August, 1415, brought before Chichely for examination. Cleydon had long been suspect-ed of heresy. He frankly owned that for twenty years he had laboured under the imputation; and while Braybrook was bishop of London he had suffered five years' imprisonment, two in the prison of Conwey and three in the Fleet, and had only been released on abjuring his error, which he did before Lord Chancellor Scarle in the time of King Henry the Fourth. The abjuration he had repeated before Bishop Arundel, the immediate predecessor of Chichely. He declared that he had sincerely recharged, and avoided the society of those who were known to entertain them. He was then were known to entertain them. He was then asked, 'what books he had in his house written in the English language?' Cleydon could not deny the fact that he had many, which were seized when he was taken into custody. 'The Lanthorn of Light' was produced as one of them, and he admitted that he was well acquainted with the work. At considerable expense he had procured the copy then exhibited. The author was a person named John Grime. Lanthorn of Light' was produced as one of the death, shealth, bealth, brevity and longevity, them, and he admitted that he was well acquainted with the work. At considerable expense he had procured the copy then exhibited. The author was a person named John Grime. Cleydon, severely as he had previously suffered, had recourse to no subterfuge to elude punish-

ment. He might with some plausibility have pleaded ignorance of the contents of the most obnoxious of the works discovered on his premises; as, whatever his sentiments on matters of religion, he was not likely to offend by perus-ing the Bible, or any other prohibited book, as it was in his power to prove that he had never learned to read. Unable to penetrate its meaning himself, parts of it Cleydon had heard, and approved of them, as tending to his eternal welfare. Upon this, Robert Gilbert, D.D., and William Linwood, D.L.L., were ordered to examine 'The Lanthorn of Light,' with the other books found in the house of the accused. They proceeded in their work with such diligence, that, on the Monday following, they, and the reverend coadjutors appointed to assist in the inquiry, made their report-a report most unfavourable to Cleydon, as in substance it set forth that the works submitted to them contained many heretical articles; and their piety had been shocked at finding it represented in them 'that the parable of the tares was inter-preted to signify those corrupt decrees which the pope had sown among the laws of Christ; that the archbishoprics and bishoprics were the seats of the beast antichrist; that the bishop's license to preach the word of God was the true character of antichrist, and any faithful priest might preach without it; that the court of Rome was the head, the bishops the body, the monks, friars, and canons, no other than the venomous tail; that no reprobate was a member of the church, but only such as were elected and predestinate to salvation; that the frequent singing in church was not founded on scripture, and that therefore the priests should not employ themselves in it, but in preaching the word; that there ought not to be splendid and pompous ornaments in churches; that Judas did receive the body of Christ in bread, and his blood in wine, and therefore, after consecration, the same bread and wine which was before did remain on the altar; that ecclesiastical suffrages did profit all virtuous and godly persons indifferently; that the pope's and bishops' indulgences were vain and insignificant; that the laity were not obliged to obey the prelates in all their demands; that adoration of images, or paying any reverence to them, was unlawful; and that no pilgrimages ought to be made to them.' This report sealed the doom of the unfortunate Cleydon. His guilt, in being the proprietor of such books,which, be it remembered, though written in the English language, he could not read,—was held to be unpardonable. The archbishop pronounced the awful definitive sentence, that he had relapsed into his abjured heresy, and his books and himself were ordered to be burned. Dooks and himself were ordered to be burned. The holy zeal of Chichely could not accord mercy to the unhappy man, and he was delivered over to the secular power. His sentence was executed in Smithfield, where, says Fox, 'he was made a burnte offeryng unto the Lord.'"

Matrimony; or Phrenology and Physiology applied to the Selection of Companions for Life; with Directions to the Married for living together affectionately and happily. By O. S. Fowler, A.B. 8vo, pp. 56. Lond., G. Berger. Science has interfered with every thing, -our

ing, bothering, angering, desponding, exulting, laughing, weeping, fretting, worretting, medi cating, mesmerising, lethargising, and, in short, almost every possible turn in our existence; that it must be to the honour of the illustrions Phrenology to have been the first to devise and lay down a perfect theory of matrimony for the happiness of husbands, wives, families, relations, and the world at large. It is a simple and beautiful system. You have sculls—so has a waterman; and use them as he does, actively and wisely, and you will get on. You are embarked on the river of life, and not on the visionary bridge of Mirza: stick, therefore, to your sculls, and the delightful harbour of Craniology will be made your paradise on earth.

How to manage this, it is only needful to

study this pamphlet, and act according to its precepts. The most advantageous and extraordinary instruction will be found under the heads (quasi sculls) of

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Having studied these portions bumptiously, it is believed, or indeed ascertained beyond a doubt, that "there were no fear of marriage;" none "jealous of each other as the stung are of the adder," but all be crowned with content, that crown "that seldom kings enjoy"—said merely perhaps because in Shakspere's time they did not choose their queens phrenologically.

Of his magnum opus the author speaks but too

modestly; he only says:—
"It is designed to expound the laws of man's social and matrimonial constitution, and thereby to expose some of the evils caused by their violation: to shew what organisations and phrenological developments naturally harmonise with each other; that is, with whom given individuals can, and cannot, so unite in feeling and talent, as to live affectionately and happily together: to explain, and thereby dimi-nish or remove, occasions of discord between husbands and wives; to shew them how to adapt themselves to the phrenological developments of each other, and thereby strengthen the ties of connubial love: and to conduct all who follow its principles to a happy union for life with a 'kindred spirit.' Some of its po-sitions are new, others startling, and all vitally important to the virtue and well-being of man. Read attentively; ponder deeply; and act accordingly." Again (and it is a fine sample of brother Jonathanism): "American by birth, constitution, character, and aspirations, it is constitution, character, and aspirations, it is not surprising that the style of his writings should be, as they have been called, 'intensely American.' He carries the 'go-a-head' principle of his country into this as well as other channels."—"My 'Matrimony' reached 20,000 in one year, and bids fair to double that; and my last edition of 'Memory' hids fair to he my last edition of 'Memory' bids fair to be even more saleable." And again: "Those editors whom it cuts, will of course cut it: but

to a bent far beyond phrenology proper. Thus whenever the writer wants a popular (head, not hand) organ, he invents one. He has, for the nonce, a "faculty called ' union for life,' which is located between adhesiveness and amativeness, and disposes husbands and wives, in whom it is large, to be always together. The author has seen several striking illustrations in favour of this opinion. He knows a lady, having this organ large, who, whenever her husband is about to leave her a week or so, feels an acute pain in it. When she pointed out the location of the pain, and stated that it always accompanied the departure of her husband, we saw that it belonged neither to adhesiveness nor amativeness, but was between the two. As the intensity of the pain rendered of another organ, located between these two; and five years afterwards, found our observations corroborated by similar ones made in France." The grammar is defective, but the proof clear; for not only in the U. S. but in Europe, and in France of all other countries, did our mighty Phren. discover two women who cried when their husbands left them for a few days' pleasuring. "The organ of Sticking close for Life" is established. Q. E. D.

On "inhabitiveness," the author holds that no married pair ought to rent a house, but have a freehold home of their own: just as our building scheming companies in England request every man to take shares in their bubble, and be "his own landlord!" For truly says our American Phren.:—"Those who have homes of their own, however 'homely,' are comparatively rich. They feel that no crusty landlord can turn them into the street. 'Rentdays' come and go unheeded, and the domestic affections have full scope for exercise. Every married man is bound in duty to himself and family, to own a house and garden spot. The prevalent practice of renting houses violates the laws of man's domestic nature."

Besides the desire for house-owning, it is affirmed that marriage doubles and quadruples (not very definite philosophical language) the energy of acquisitiveness, and enables husbands to live much longer than bachelors. But in cases connubial, "when combativeness, instead of defending the family, is arrayed against them, and, calling self-esteem to its assistance, tyrannises over them, ruling them with a rod of iron ;-when contention supplants protection, and angry looks dispel the smiles of affection; when approbativeness is mortified by an ex-posure of their faults and follies, and conscien-tiousness wounded by their unfaithfulness or unprincipled immoralities; when veneration turns its back upon the social group, refusing to join in devotional exercises; or a want of order or punctuality in either incenses the combativeness of the other; when language is employed to mortify approbativeness, by administering reproaches and hurling reproofs; and miserly acquisitiveness arrays combativeness against the family because they are expensive; when, in short, the domestic faculties are brought into collision with other faculties, their warfare is perpetual, because the family relations bring them into constant contact, and that the most direct and powerful. Then it is that the stream of life is poisoned at its fountain-head, and made to send forth bitter waters, and that continually."

There is indeed the d—l to pay, and no pitch hot; but phrenology prevents all this, and by a sort of hocus pocus which shews a trous." The remedy of its possibly enlarging "reversed action of the faculties;" for "every comes too late; and men should therefore faculty (it appears) has a natural and a reversed adopt the motto of "Natural waists, or no

Thus, for example, - "the natural action." function of conscientiousness is that self-satisfaction derived from its sanction; its reversed action produces the goadings and compunctions of a guilty conscience. And the reversed action of any faculty calls the other faculties into reversed action, which makes 'the wicked flee when no one pursueth,' and apprehend punishment where none awaits them. Amativeness creates a predisposition in favour of the opposite sex; but with how much greater disgust, and even abhorrence, does a virtuous woman regard the man who has insulted her, or who would deprive her of her virtue, than she can feel towards one of her own sex? No element of man's nature is so powerful or inveterate as the reversed exercise of amativeness and its combinations. Amativeness alone could never turn against the opposite sex, but the other faculties may reverse it, even against a husband or wife; and then the loathing and disgust, the abhorrence and even perfect hatred engendered by it, may be felt, but can never be told. And then the misery of being chained for life to this loathed creature, and to be shut out from all others, can be known only by those who experience it. Over such a picture let the curtain of darkness be for ever drawn.

According to this hypothesis, all the good organs are as effective for evil, and all the vides effective for good. Therefore, "if your own animal propensities predominate, you should not marry one whose animal nature predominates, because you will have 'war to the knife,' and a continual boiling over of the animal natures of both. Nor should you marry one whose sentiments predominate, because, first, their goodness will be a continual reproof to your viciousness, tormenting you continually (for purity always rebukes selfishness); and, second, because your propensities will constantly be a chestnut bur in the eyes of your moral companion. As well marry a chicken to a hawk, or a lamb to a wolf, as high moral sentiments to predominant animal propensities. But, say you, 'if I must not marry one with either the moral sentiments or animal propensities predominant, what shall I do?' I'll tell these friend don't marry or a line or a land to a don't marry or a line of the predominant, what shall I do?' I'll tell these friend don't marry or a line or with the private don't marry or a line or with the private don't marry or a line or with the private don't marry or a line or with a l

thee, friend, don't marry at all."

Better marry than burn, says the apostle; better not marry at all than be "a chestnut (though what that is we do not know), says the wiser Phren., dictator of the not U.S. And farther, "if you have not time to study phrenology sufficiently to apply it with the re-quisite certainty yourself, you should either not have time to marry, or else should employ the services of an experienced practical phrenolo-In their absence, a comparison of charts carefully prepared by him may answer." Marry by the card, or equivocation will undo you; but " above all things, one should not marry a soft and delicate hand; for soft hands necessarily accompany soft brains and a mind too soft to be sensible, because the whole organisation, physical and mental, partakes of one and the same character. Ladies take too much pride in cultivating delicacy and softness, and hence refuse to labour because it spoils their But if it spoils the hands, its absence spoils the brain, because labour, or a certain amount of physical exercise, is indispensable to strength and vigour of body, and this to a vigorous brain and a strong mind. Take it whichever way you please, rich girls make poor wives;" and "marrying a small waist is atwives;" or, as old Christopher North quainty expressed it years ago, "Women are not waspa! A literary consideration elbowed into this disquisition tempts us to another extract, though

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"Shame" (cries Mr. Fowler), "shame on all novel-reading women! They cannot have put minds and unsullied feelings; Cupid, and the beaux, and waking dreams of love, are far consuming their health and morals. I do not impute the least blame to those worthy edition and publishers who make their money by feasing this diseased public appetite, especially of the ladies, even though they thereby increas the worst vice of our vicious age, any monthan I blame grog-sellers for making mone out of another diseased appetite, because beit are aiming mainly at dollars and cents, ye stabbing public virtue to the heart."

Still he does not impute the least blamen these Worthies: dollars and cents redeem all though they are gained by vending "the delicately vulgar (?) allusions of Marryatt, or the insinuations (?) of Bulwer."

But enough of this balder-dash; so called, a we have been etymologically told, from Balde, the Scandinavian God of Love, whose votarin uttered similar volumes of nonsense to the fair to whom they were paying their addresses before phrenology was invented.

Solution of the Problem of Population and Subsitence, submitted 40 a Physician in a Series of Letters. (Solution du Problème de la Populetion et de la Subsistance, &c.) By Charle London, M.D., &c. 8vo, pp. 336. Para Girard Frères.

CONSIDERATIONS regarding the progress of po pulation, and the means of subsistence for the people, have one time or other occupied the mind of every thinking man; and in the world letters the multitude of opinions emitted upon the subject can, with some little diversity, & pretty distinctly divided into those which admi a geometrical rate of increase, and are perpetually haunted by the results thereof; and those which also admit a geometric rate of increase, but have such confidence in an alwise and all-bountiful Providence, and in the operation of ordinary causes, as emigration and improved production, as to entertain no appre hensions whatever on the subject. The last class have history and experience in their favour. the first, certain theoretical deductions founded only on existing data, and omitting the past a anticipate the future. It is needless to me mark that the learned author of the work nor before us is one of that class, who, contemplate ing the present enormous rate of increase it population, more especially in some countries as Ireland (where if the increase were to gom for the next four centuries as it has done for the last two, there would be at the expiration of that time 2,000,000,000 of inhabitants, twice as many as in the whole world put toge ther, with the hundredth part of an acre for the subsistence of each individual), has founded his work on such extreme deductions; and it is ! curious specimen of how, in other respects,1 high and cultivated intelligence, backed by most worthy spirit of philanthropy, would me these hypothetical difficulties.

Passing over briefly but comprehensive the usual considerations regarding the compartive productiveness of animals and plants; h Malthusian doctrine of a geometric rate of recease in the human species, and an arithmet rate of productiveness of soil (which leaves

modern discoveries in agricultural chemistry in | conduct can ever arise but as the result of a | hardly superior to the brute creation, defies neglect); the lessons furnished by the disappearance of the great populations of antiquity: what the author terms the definite quantity of food and the indefinite quantity of procrea-tion; the effects of famines, wars, and diseases; the march of improvement; and the criminal and impious modes which have been proposed, even in this country, and that quite lately, to obviate the rapid increase of population,—the author commences his own views by adopting the old theory of seven periods in the life of man, without regard to how much those seven periods, if founded on a correct philosophy, are modified by climate, habits, pursuits, and civilisation. This septennial doctrine of Pythagoras, Hippocrates, and other of the ancients, goras, hipportates, and totter the threates, is here carried to the phases as well as periods of existence, to the intra-uterine as well as extra-uterine life, and to the phenomena of the moral world as well as those of the physical. Starting on these data, the author argues that, the period of puberty arrived, young people should be allowed to marry; and he points snould be allowed to marry; and he points out how by this means the public happiness and morality would be insured—premising, however, that every male child is always brought up to agriculture, or some mechanical art, before he embraces a profession, or that he takes a position in the world. Next, discarding all checks put upon population as irreligious, the author proceeds at length-by arguments founded on physiological inquiries, and on the phenomena presented by the human species in a state of nature, as well as by the child itself, if left to its own impulses — to argue that the period of lactation should be extended to three years. Such a practice, he admits, if applied to the average age of marriages, which is in man 29.72 years, and in woman 26.68 in France, and somewhat the same thing in most temperate climates of civilised Europe, would soon depopulate the world; but this would be prevented by early marriages, which he thus enforces by reasoning in a circle, not a vicious, but rather a philanthropic one.

These, then, are the great principles advo-cated by Dr. Charles London, and they are the solution which he proposes to the problem of population and subsistence. But it would be doing him a great injustice not to mention that these views are illustrated by a great length and breadth of argument; that the investigation, although what is commonly called a dry one, is not at all so in his hands; and that his work contains a vast fund of interesting and amusing as well as instructive matter upon many of the most delicate and curious questions which belong to the natural history of

The Phrenological Theory of the Treatment of Criminals defended. By Mr. B. Sampson. Pp. 20. London, S. Highley.

Mr. Sampson is the author of one of the most able works which have been written in recent times on criminal jurisprudence viewed in its relation to cerebral organisation; and to the merits, sound judgment, and humanity of which, we have already borne our testimony. It appears, however, that Dr. Forbes has ventured to denounce these doctrines in the British and Foreign Medical Review, which has led to the present rejoinder. We believe as a principle that every manifestation of the mind depends upon the conformation and health of its material instrument, the brain :- we believe also that it is not the function of a sound and healthy brain

defective condition of that organ; -we believe that therein lies the broad exposition of certain general principles, leaving small matters of detail and difficulty in the application of them to be arranged when the principles themselves shall have attained an extensive recognition;but we are not at all prepared as yet to receive Mr. Sampson's theories of prevention of crime: a much more perfect system will, we think, with the progress of inquiry and reasoning, arise out of the foregone principles. Admitting even that, in every case of infringement of natural or civil laws, there is an unhealthy manifestation of the brain, or, in other words, a partial insanity or monomania, we doubt if apprehensions of personal safety are not stronger in keeping such monomaniacal propensities in abeyance to the other mental manifestations than the counteracting treatment which Mr. Sampson proposes. It is evidently as yet an immatured theory; but the basis on which it rests being sound, Dr. Forbes' sophisms will be of little avail against it.

The "Monster" Misery of Ireland; a practical Treatise on the Relation of Landlord and Tenant, with Suggestions for Legislative Measures and the Management of Landed Property, &c. &c. By J. Wiggins, Esq., F.G.S. Pp. 304. R. Bentley.

MR. WIGGINS has had some thirty years' experience as an English agent to estates in the south and north of Ireland; and at this momentous crisis he comes forward with the advice derived from his practical knowledge, and indicated in the foregoing title-page. Long leases, the assistance of the landlord to the tenant in effecting permanent improvements, liming the land, making good roads and fences, and securing out-going tenants the value of their expenditure and property, are among the chief propositions urged; but these are subdivided into a multitude of minor facts and considerations, which would require a review as long as the original volume to discuss. Mr. W. thinks the condition of the tenantry generally bad, and their dependants consequently oppressed. The former are over-rented and "driven," the latter ill-lodged and starved. The suggestions of remedies are also numerous; such as, a court of septennial valuation, an officer to regulate the price of potato-land, the payment of county cess and other public burdens by landlords, the loan of money to improvers through the Board of Works, the establishment of schools of agriculture, and many other measures to be adopted both by the legislature and land-owners. In the main we are much disposed to agree with the author's views; but we think he greatly underrates the difficulties in the way of their being carried into execution. It is easy to speak of proprietors lending their tenants money; but who is to find the proprietors the money to lend? Nine-tenths of them, probably, would rather borrow a little. But Ireland can never be served by one-sided views. It is the country of reactions. Agitation produces uncertainty, inactivity, and idleness; and these a common distress. Distress supplies the food on which agitation thrives. The insecurity for the integral of the property respectively. life and property repels capital from the island, and, from the want of capital, agriculture stagnates and manufactures decline. From bad farming and the absence of commerce spring the lowest order of peasantry on the civilised globe, and a miserable substitute for a trade which might make some amends and raise the others in the scale. Then the state of a popu-

every exertion of rulers to make them self-de-pendent and industrious. On the lowest and widest substratum, therefore, there is no basis for a national superstructure of prosperity; you cannot build such an edifice from the top downwards. Religion again, the healing balm of so-cial and commercial life, is but a curse to Ireland; exemplifying

"The good old plan, That he should hold who had the might, And he should catch who can."

But we must dismiss the subject; which we do by recommending this suggestive work to the attention it merits.

Political Philosophy. Part III. Democracy, Mixed Monarchy. Monarchy. Division I. By Henry Lord Brougham. Society for Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.

IT was felt and said that whatever Lord Byron wrote, his heroes, be they Juans, Childe Harolds, Corsairs, or whatever else, always smacked of himself, and were but variations of a personal identity. In like manner, it seems to us that whenever Lord Brougham publishes any thing, no matter how utterly free from the above Byronian quality, the critics invariably pass from the subject-matter to the personal and political career of the author. He is truly no favourite with the press, and perhaps there is no love lost between the parties. But be his offences against our brethren what they may, we pro-fess to have nothing to do either with his lordship or his politics; but to stand on neutral ground, and look only to his writings for what they are—the productions of an extraordinary man, who has seen and known much, and who, no matter with what purpose or bias, is sure to inform us of circumstances worthy of notice, and offer us opinions deserving of consideration. In this spirit we refer to the Part of Political Philosophy now before us, not to discuss or argue upon its prolific and provoking topics, but simply to afford our readers some idea of one or two of their salient points. We begin with a glance at democracy.

"A very respectable class of men in this

country are exceedingly apt to fall into the error of confounding disqualifications and exclusions in fact with disqualifications and exclusions in law. If a system were established which gave to all persons equally the right of voting for any important office-bearers, as parish officers or schoolmasters, the dissenters object, because they would, in country parishes especially, be outvoted by the churchmen. This is only because they form a minority. What they really seek is, that the minority should govern the majority, or at least that each class should choose one, which assumes that the office is to be held by two, and also that religious distinc-

tions are to be perpetuated."

The press is gently wiped as follows:—"An illustration of the nature of mob-government may be taken from the heedless statements of fact, and crude, ill-considered assertions of opinion in which the periodical press so largely deals. Compare the facts and opinions in a daily paper, with those in a monthly or a quarterly publication, and observe the wide difference between the rashness of the one and the more respectable caution of the other, Again, compare the more cautious statements of the London newspapers with the extravagant absurdities which so often fill those of the prois not the function of a sound and healthy brain which might make some amends and raise the vinces, less experienced than their brethren of to give rise to any other than healthy manicestations; and that no error of judgment or lation content to live in a degraded condition

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And again:—"In these modern times, when the press is become so prominent a portion of the people that Mr. Windham called it a 'power in Europe,' and others have decorated it with the name of a 'fourth estate in the realm,' it is impossible to pass over the fact of periodical writing possessing a far greater in-fluence in a democracy than under any other form of government. The people at large are easily deceived by confident assertion, mis-taking its hardhood for the boldness of sincere conviction. They see things positively asserted in print, in the same print in which so many truths are also recorded, but by very different hands: they do not draw the distinction; and, above all, they never inquire from whom all this body of narrative and dogmatism proeeeds. No names are given; and yet this very concealment of the author tends to gain a belief for what he says, because the reader at any rate knows nothing against him. Yet he may be the most worthless, as he is often the most malignant and despicable, of his species; he may be a creature so utterly insignificant that no human being would attach the smallest importance to either his story or his opinions; but, without ever reflecting on this, and without ever waiting to ask who says all these things, the people suffer the grossest falsehood, the merest fabrications, and most calumnious imputations to pass current, and if repeated, as they may daily be, to find a place in their belief. Whoever has attended to the contents of the American newspapers, and whoever has read those of the French Republic, will confess that they very far surpass in slander, falsehood, and senseless violence, the British press. That is assuredly bad enough, but the American is much worse; and then, in this country, little effect is produced by it on the course of the government. Of late years, its indiscriminate scurrility having increased, and its moderate regard for truth been diminished, its influence has become notoriously exceedingly trifling compared with what it was while decorously and more ably conducted; but in the United States all its brutal violence, and all the exposures made of the wretches in whose hands it is, have failed signally to lessen its acceptance with the people, and its influence is very considerable upon the administration of public affairs." And again:—"We have hitherto been re-

garding the press as either an organ of public opinion, directly moved or inspired by the people, or at least as an indication and exponent of it, coinciding with the people's views, and adopted, if not authorised, by the people. It is certain that in a good degree this is likely to be the case. In the long-run the press, if the people be not split into parties, will be pretty sure to coincide with their opinions and feelings; and where there prevail party divisions, each portion of the community will sooner or later influence some portion of the press. But it is also quite certain that there is here, as in other processes both of the moral and physical world, action and reaction. If the public sentiments act upon the press, so does the press upon those sentiments; and this occasions mischief of a very grievous kind to the people themselves, and to popular government. It is one of the worst evils of that form of polity, that it gives the greatest scope to this abuse; an abuse of so pernicious a kind that nothing can reconcile a reflecting mind to it but the persuasion of its being an almost inevitable consequence of free discussion, and thus regarding it as the heavy price which must be

paid for this inestimable blessing. It is in two ways that the press thus produces its mischief. Private individuals, armed with no commission from any quarter, much less invested with authority from any power in the state, and bearing no certificate of any qualification to re-commend them, assume the direction of periodical works, and do not give their names to the public. Their capacity for the task which they have undertaken is of course to be judged by the manner in which they perform it; about that there can be no difficulty or doubt. But their trustworthiness, either as relaters of facts or as guides of opinion, is a wholly different matter, and of that, the most material portion of the character which they ought to have, they furnish no vouchers whatever. They may be the most false and deceitful of human kind; they may be the most spiteful and malignant; they may be men whose names, if made known, would deprive every assertion they advanced of every claim to credit, and strip all they wrote and published of all chance of being believed or even listened to. They may have sinister and sordid views in putting forth their statements; then they may have a personal ground of quarrel with individuals, or with parties in the state or the church; and thus be the very last persons in the whole world whom any one would believe if the mask under which they lurk to assail their adversaries were torn away Their narratives may be dictated by mercantile or by money speculations; and the persons who, ignorant of the source whence these stories proceed, rush to some market to invest their capital, would be loath to risk a shilling of it on the faith of their statement, did they know the purpose for which it was put forth. They may be rival authors as well as rival tradesmen, and may have published some translation of the same work, and thus have a direct interest in running down the succeeding translation; but they speak in the plural number, and the reader is utterly deceived, and supposes he is hearing the sentence of a just and impartial judge, when, in fact, the opposite party has, unknown to him, crawled upon the bench, and, personating the judge, delivers in a feigned voice sentence in his own favour. Again, their views may be pernicious to the state. They may be men reckless and abandoned, desirous of change for the confusion it produces, anxious to see the most desperate courses taken for the sake of that mischief, the risk of which would make all virtuous men dread even the most prudent and cautious innovations. They may be concealed partakers of abuse, creatures engendered in corruption and sustained in their noxious existence by the filth that first warmed them into life; their names if disclosed would make the defence which they undertake of oppression and misgovernment, their resistance to the people's rights and the people's improvement, only further those sacred interests; but they defend the misrule on which they fatten, and assail those who would reform it, with the appearance of pronouncing an impartial award upon a public question foreign to their own interests. is endless to go through more particulars. Whoever has lived long in political society, but more especially they who have lived in courts of law, must full surely know that by such means as these are the people supplied with narratives of fact and statements of doctrine. The practice of deception becomes nearly universal. The readers are betrayed into a confidence which they never would bestow were they aware of the authority upon which what they read is grounded, and the views with which it is prepared and promulgated."

After this spice, the general result of sifting the inherent essence and checks upon demo cratic government will be thought tame; but we will conclude with a single passage, thu expressed:—" The particulars which we have now been examining furnish a very satisfactory answer to those in whose minds a democracy has become synonymous with anarchy or mob-government. When this idea strikes men they picture to themselves what they have witnesser or have heard of as passing at public meetings. where culm deliberation is not to be expected because it is in truth by no means the thing for which these assemblies are convened. Excitement, mutual inflammation, adoption of propositions previously resolved upon, giving vent to strong sentiments that oppress the mind and demand relief by utterance, the play of the feelings, not the exercise of the understand ing-in a word, action, not deliberation, are the objects of the meeting; and accordingly in most cases no one who differs from the multitude ever thinks of attending; all who come have, generally speaking, made up their minds; or where any division of opinion exists, the noise, or possibly of dangerous confusion. This is anything rather than a picture of the popular proceedings even in the worst-regulated democracy. They who prefer that form of government praise a regular and feasible system popular dominion, not the irregular, and un controlled, and disorderly proceedings of a lawless multitude. What they mean by a demo cracy is such a system as we have been ex mining, in which, although the people be the mainspring of the machine, their force is both exerted according to certain laws, and combine with other movements which still further direct its action, although it is always the essentis characteristic of the system that all these be lancing and regulating movements are then selves dependent upon the great mainspring itself, the people's power. It is true, as m shall afterwards find, that these checks and belances, for this very reason, can never be a effectual in a pure democracy as in a mixel government; but we have no right on that so count to undervalue them, or to deny their operation, even in the purest democracy that can be formed."

Scenes in the Sandwich Islands, and a Trip through Central America, 1837-42. By J. J. Jarva author of "History of the Sandwich Islands, &c. Pp. 341. London, Moxon.

The present volume is a promised sequel at the "History," a work generally well spoke of, and seems to be equally deserving of a god report. A considerable portion of it, however, having already appeared in American and Estopean periodicals, we are disinclined to searly for its novelties. The remarks on the missionies and their labours, which occupy some twenty-five pages (179 to 205), are perhapt the most important of the author's views, as are apparently written with sound sense as impartiality. He observes:—

"The influence which has been acquired by the American missionaries over the whole peple, has by some been made a subject of complaint; such people desire the seed to be planted and the tree to grow, but would prevent in branches from leaning towards the source its life and light. The missionaries do posses a great and important hold in the hearts of the people, and control to a great extent the public mind. But it has been honestly and open acquired; it is what they were sent for.

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any one doubts the love and reverence with an unexpected interruption, which caused him the smoke and flame still rose, and at any moany one doubts the love and reverence with which these men are viewed by the great ma-jority of the inhabitants, let him visit their households, and join with the missionary in his pastoral labours and excursions. Smiling faces and genuine hospitality will every where faces and genume nospitality win every where greet him; but more particularly within the range of their parochial districts, where years of faithful and disinterested service have en-deared the populace to them."—" Numeri-cally, church members bear a larger proportion throughout Hawaii to non-communicants than in the United States; a greater outward attention is exhibited towards the observance of its ceremonies than here; but it would be as incorrect, from these facts, to place their moral and religious standard upon a level with that of the American people, as from the number of common schools, the pupils that attend them, and the studies nominally pursued among the same people, to estimate their elementary knowledge and their system of education as highly as our own. Yet statistics by themselves would give that result, were the actual conditions and physiological differences between the two races kept from view." - " Church-members, of course, take the lead in doing honour to their teachers, but an outward decorum prevails even among the lowest orders. Crowds assemble for a meeting for prayer, or the expounding of the gospel. To a casual observer the impression would be conveyed that he was among a highly moral and religious community. For the time being, it is so. With some this deportment is sincere and permanent, but with the mass it is different; and it is no disparagement to the date the date of the missionary to state, that a vast deal of hypocrisy exists among the people. Let the visitor go over the same road again, but under different circumstances. If he is desirous of witnessing the varied phases of their national character, let it be known that he is national character, let it be known that he is no missionary—for all strangers are divided into two classes, missionary and no mission-ary; the one being supposed to be favourable to the former, the other hostile. The disguise will then be stripped from off many who were on the previous occasion playing the missionary. Indeed, the lower orders have a phrase in respect to their external decorum and inward desires, which has become proverbial, and which will not bear repeating, but is singularly expressive of their actual feelings. It will be perceived that virtue is more valued for its good name than as a reality; that the dispositions of the mass are still sensual, and that much of the orderly and decorous conduct exhibited before was the result of a temporary hibited before was the result of a temporary restraint, and a desire to possess the good will of their superiors. The terrors of the law are also much in dread. The temptation to enter the church is equally great. All the chief rulers are professedly Christians; the high places are filled by such; it is one step towards preferment; to the native it has the value of a caste; it fixes him in the eyes of his fellows; consequently there is no self-denial an interested individual will not temporarily subject himself to, to attain the object of

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to retreat. The story as he related it, with all the attending circumstances, was so exceed-ingly pausible, and his manner so sincere and contrite, that for a while the missionary was contrie, that for a wine the missionary was staggered. But the falsehood was soon disco-vered, and he did not come again."—" It is still difficult to make the natives understant the nature of truth. They have been so accus-tomed, from their earliest years, to habits of deception, that with very many, perhaps the majority, it may be doubted whether any other sensation arises from the detection of a falsehood than mortification at being discovered. In no other point are they more obtuse, but this moral bluntness is gradually wearing away. Licentiousness is the chief vice of the nation; not that they are much worse in this respect than nations generally residing within the tro-pics, but it continues to be their most prominent trait. A few years ago, in its protean forms, it was common to all, and as undisguised as the light of day. Now it hides its head, and seeks a new garment to conceal its foul markings. The following table of crime for Oahu will serve to shew the proportion of other of-fences to those of sensuality. It is taken from the Kumu Hawaii, of January 16, 1839, a native paper, but the period embraced in the report is not given. And it should be recollected that but a small proportion of the latter offences are ever detected or exposed. A number of foreigners are embraced in the list, chiefly for riot, mutiny, and desertion.

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The fact appears incontrovertible, that there yet exists in the nation a large body of people who are equally disposed to religious rites or to acts of a different character, as may be most accordant to the taste of those whom they wish to gratify. Another generation must arise, with better homes and more civil and religious advantages, before the habits of the old are suf-ficiently undermined. While evidence for the most favourable view of missionary labour to a partial investigator appears conclusive, ample grounds for the opposite opinion exist. The truth lies in neither extreme. The friends of humanity have just cause to be grateful that so much has been accomplished, and should laspots may be washed white."

With these sensible and unprejudiced state-

ments, we commit the volume, its native descriptions, map, embellishments, and other matter, to readers, who cannot fail to be pleased with its various and useful intelligence. A visit to the famous volcano of Kilauea, or the mountain, is among its principal features. There the au-thor and his party "occasionally came upon wild geese which were very tame;" and found raspberries on gigantic bushes, like trees, five inches in circumference. The volcano itself is an interested individual will not temporarily subject himself to, to attain the object of his ambition. I have known one, who having failed by all the customary arts, in convincing his paster of his fitness to join in the communion, devise a most ingenious story to accomplish his purpose. He went to the missionary to confess a crime which he had mediated, the recollection of which hung heavily upon him. He said that some time before he had determined to murder him, and had actually approached his house by night with a cutlass, and had been deterred only by

ment liable to break out again, fiercer than bement hable to break out again, hereer than be-fore. At the farther extremity, a bright light shewed itself, like the flickering flame of half-extinguished embers, and all was silent except the occasional hissing of gases and steam." Poor Vesuvius! to look like a cottage-chim-

ney in comparison with this engine - house monster!

The National Atlas of Historical, Commercial, The National Atlas of Historical, Commercial, and Political Geography, constructed from the most recent and authentic Sources, by Alex. Keith Johnston, F.R.G.S.; accompanied by Maps and Illustrations of the Physical Geography of the Globe, by Dr. Helmich Berghaus; and an Ethnographic Map of Europe, by Dr. Gustaf Kombst. Edinburgh, Johnstone and Johnston, Gloscow, Lumsden and Son, and Johnston. Gloscow, Lumsden and Son, and Johnston; Glasgow, Lumsden and Son, and R. Weir; London, Simpkin and Marshall, Whittaker and Co., W. Smith, and R. Groombridge; Dublin, J. Cumming. We have been so gratified by a study of the

illustrations of physical geography before us, that we give, with the exception of individual honorary titles, the title-page of the National Atlas at length, in order that our numerous readers may not have reason to complain hereafter, when the work becomes generally known and universally valued, as it must beknown and universally valued, as it must become, that proper intimation had not been given to them where it could be procured. It is truly a splendid publication, and fully deserves not only the distinctive name it bears, but also national patronage. We have not seen the forty-one maps of general geography, and know not whether they are yet ready for issue; but this we know, that if they be executed in the style and with the minute are and cuted in the style and with the minuteness and accuracy of the five illustrations of physical geography, a more complete atlas will not exist. These latter comprise—but on a much larger scale and more complete than the German edition—four by Prof. Berghaus: the first, Humboldt's system of isothermal lines, or the curves of equal temperature; second, the geo-graphical distribution of the currents of airthe perennial, periodical, and variable windsand the regions of prevalent hurricanes; third, the distribution and cultivation of the most important plants—the districts occupied by the different kinds of grain, &c.; and fourth, the mountain-chains in Asia and Europe. The fifth, by Dr. Kombst, is an ethnographic map of Europe, or the different nations traced and graphically delineated according to race, language, religion, and form of government.

This number or volume, although possibly a specimen one, contains also full explanatory notes, tabular illustrations of the plates, an essay by Humboldt, &c., is complete in all regards to physical geography, and cannot be too highly commended.

Almanacks, 1844.

A BATCH published by the Stationers' Company—the Farmer's—the Family—the Gardener's—the Lady's and Gentleman's Diary—the Mechanic's—Moore's—Partridge's—and White's, each with characteristic and ample informatics.

revolts our sense of what is right on earth, or proper towards heaven. It does not do to mingle infidelity with glimpses of immortal felicity through human means; and particularly when these means are simply the seduc-tion of angelic women. The ideas are dissonant; and a hero first marrying for lucre, and then debauching wherever his passions are excited, would (any how) be odious enough; but when he is always preaching about it, and would make it appear as if he would make himself believe that he only wanted to possess Ann, Mary, Helen, Matilda, or Wilhelmina, because vere so good and virtuous (as well as so beautiful and desirable) that they were likely to guide him on the path to heaven,—it be-comes a moral absurdity, and calculated to confound the minds of readers who are led away by the sentiments they find in interesting story-books. Too old to be injured by the confusion, we nevertheless must censure Allanston as a work of the tendency of which we are sure neither the author nor the editor took a considerate view. And, under the circumstances, that is all we have to say.

The Artizan: a Monthly Journal of Operative Arts. Vol. I. London, Simpkin and Mar-shall. 1844.

Its first volume (1843) completed. The Architect, and two other minor periodicals, have been incorporated with the Artizan for 1844.

Mrs. Opie's Works. Vol. I. London, Longman and Co.

THE commencement of a series of Mrs. Opie's popular novels, and containing Father and Daughter, and Temper, or Domestic Scenes. The public cannot have so far forgotten the merit of these productions as to render any laudation on our part necessary. The first is a natural and very affecting story; and the last exhibits in its true light the curse of family curses, a bad temper.

Penmanship, Theoretical and Practical. Illustrated and explained by B. F. Foster. Pp. 72.

London, Souter and Law.
To this lesson-book there is a sound and sensible introduction in favour of the elder and usual method of teaching permanship, by be-ginning with large pot-hooks, straight lines, and letters, rather than aiming at more rapid acquisition by dashing at once into cursive writing, as if no elements were necessary. art is of great importance, and we much ap-prove of Mr. Foster's plan and examples. Few people have more reason to desire that MSS. should be legible than editors of public journals and printers (though the latter seem to possess the power of making out any thing and every thing); and it is among their greatest annoyances to discover that a neat temptinglooking communication is next to an impossibility to decipher; that the unknown proper names must be all guess-work, and that the author has not only some peculiar fashions of his own for particular letters, but never by any chance crosses his t's or dots his i's. In other cases the r's, n's, m's, i's, u's, v's, w's, are alike; the p's are as short as the h's, or the h's as long as the p's; the a's and o's indistinguishable one from the other; and, in short, such a careless similarity throughout, that the inventor of letters could make nothing certain out of the scrawl. There is a sort of running-hand pre-valent in ladies' boarding-schools apparently most easy and plain, but come to read it if you can; and even if it were a billet-doux from the prettiest girl of the lot, it defies interpretation. It was known of one great chancery lawyer that he could not make out his own B.c. 1635, when, or soon after which, " a new

written opinions, and had only one clerk who could, upon whose death all his master's oracular law became a dead letter. We once saw an epistle brought back to a friend of ours, whose servant had orders to bring back the answer, but brought only a message that the party to whom it was addressed could not read it. "Stupid ass!" exclaimed the writer; but when he tried, he could not read it himself. To avoid all such perplexities, vexations, and mistakes, it is well to learn a good round, legible hand; and for those who wish to do so, and not live to puzzle other folks for ever, we can safely recommend this treatisc.

Character of the late W. Wilberforce. Chipchase. Pp. 24. London, W. Strange. LECTURE delivered in New Jersey, U. S., in July last: it eulogises Wilberforce for many excellent qualities and acts, but does not say a word about slavery, or its abolition. This is indeed Hamlet with the character of Hamlet omitted by special desire.

Reading - Book for the Use of Female Schools. Pp. 408. London, Groombridge.

A CAPITAL miscellaneous collection of prose and verse, which reflects great credit on the taste and judgment of the Commissioners of National Education, under whose direction it is published.

Thoughts and Reflections on Sickness and Affliction. By Dr. A. R. Sanderson. Pp. 392. London, Hatchards.

THE good feeling of this volume will make it a friend and solace to the sick and afflicted.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LAND OF GOSHEN IDENTIFIED BY HIERO-GLYPHIC DISCOVERY.

MY DEAR SIR,-It may be interesting to your biblical and clerical readers to mention that the recent Egyptian discoveries alluded to in my last communication (see Literary Gazette of Dec. 23) bear upon the Mosaic history as much as on that of Manetho, if not more-giving us the real land of Goshen, hitherto a problem, the real works of the Israelites, and the real Pharaohs who protected and persecuted them, with as much certainty as the builders of

the pyramids and labyrinth. The Labyrinth of the Faioum or Ph-iom-the Lake-is demonstrably the treasure-city of Pithom, built by the enslaved Israelites in the land of Goshen. It consisted, as described by Herodotus, of twelve halls or palaces (according to the number of the twelve tribes), which caused him to bring it down to the age of the twelve kings and Psammetichus, in the sixth century B.C.-long after the age of Dedalus, who copied it. These contained 3000 chambers-1500 above ground, for the court of Pharaoh; and 1500 under ground, questionless for

his treasuries.

It was built in the eight years of the joint reign of Lachares or Osirtesen III., and Amenemes or Amonemké III., B.c. 1562 to 1554, according to the true chronology of the monuments compared with the astronomical dates of the Chronicon Vetus, or Old Egyptian Chronicle a record older than Manetho, and agreeing in every respect with the original Hebrew text of the Pentateuch, which was also written or commenced in Egypt by a man "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," so that this agree-

ment is not surprising.
In other words, the Labyrinth of the Ph-iom, or treasure-city of Pithom, was begun about seventy-three years after the death of Joseph,

king, who knew not Joseph," reigned, i. e. Osir. tesen III. or Lachares, B.c. 1600. tesen III. or Lachares, B.C. 1600. It was built about nine years after the birth of Menes, B.C.

1571, when the bondage was at its height.
But, before proceeding, it should be mentioned that the Pharaoh who promoted Joseph, B.C. 1715, was Amonemké I., during the joint reign of himself and Osirtesen I., which began B.C. 1728, the year of Joseph's arrival in Egypt; the prenominal shield or title of Amonemk Saphthpan, or Saph-nathph, having the identi-Joseph's finger, as I had the pleasure of ex-plaining at the Royal Society of Literature in 1830, thirteen years before the present discoveries.

The beauty of the subject is, however, this. he Labyrinth of the Ph-iom was, according to Pliny, built by Petesucus or Tithoes, who have been taken for unknown kings of Egypt by Sir G. Wilkinson and every previous writer. But when we learn from the Egyptian historian, Chæræmon, that the Egyptian names of Joseph and Moses were Peteseph and Tisithes, no and Moses were Peteseph and Tistithes, to question can remain as to who are meant by Petesucus and Tithoes. It is as much as to say that this "greatest of all works of man," a Pliny calls it, was erected and excavated by the twelve tribes of Israel.

But another account brings it more critically to the interval that separated the ages of Peteseph and Tisithes. Demoteles, cited by Pliny, acquaints us that it was the palace of Motherudes (called King Motherus by Sir G. Wilkinson), which is a self-evident anagram of Thermuthis (the syllables being only transposed - a common practice or accident among ancient calligraphers) - the name Pharaoh's daughter, who preserved the life of Moses, according to Josephus. She was likewise called Merris, according to

the Jewish historian Artapanus, who acquaint us that Moses, in the thirtieth year of his age, led an Egyptian army to Ethiopia, and there built its capital city Meroë, so named in honour of Merris-hence the true Moris of the Labyrinth? But he further tells us that Merris was married to a prince named Chenophores, who built the temple of Kessa, as he names Goshen (the Labyrinth was a temple of the Sun according to other authorities of Pliny); and Concharis is one of the names of Amenemes of Amonemké III., the actual builder of the Labyrinth.

I have digested the evidence into the form of a table, from the building of the first pyra mid by Shupho or Cheops, to that of the third by Mycerinus and Nitocriz, to be transmitted you as soon as possible; but I think the above will satisfy you that the apocryphal history of the Israelites, which is precisely of the same authority as Manetho or any other profane historian of antiquity, is as much confirmed by monumental discovery as the assertions of that writer regarding the Labyrinth, with the further advantage of the whole being in beautiful accordance with the inspired Mosaic record; to the geographical elements of which it affords new and contemporaneous illustration, by giving us Pithom and Goshen in their true place,the island of the Nile above Memphis and the Delta, and the region of bricks in place of the stony region east of the Nile, where Goshel and its cities have been hitherto referred a mere guess-work.
The Bank of England, covering eleven acres

with its cellars for treasure, reminds us of this bank of the Pharaohs, the labyrinthine difficulties of which are only explicable on the ground of security, as fully explained in the account of the given babilit Rham mids: sure-Lemne orienta ings of preted VOUES

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of the treasury of Rhampsinitus or Remphis, given by Herodotus and Diodorus—in all prohability derived from the same source, for Rhampsitus belongs to the age of the pyramids; and if so, the history refers to the treasure-ctiy of Ramesses. The Labyrinths of Lemnos and Crete were derived from these priental treasure-cities, the mysterious windings of which were misunderstood or misinter-preted by the Greeks.—I am, my dear sir, ever yours faithfully,

J. CULLIMORE. yours faithfully,

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.

Jan. 26.— Mr. Brande, "On fermentation." It is the privilege of men of certain standing and position in science to admonish the theorist, to exhibit facts that do, or seem to, question his speculations, and point out the probable road to truth, or the farther evidences wanting road to truth, or the farther evidences wanting to prove that the path pursued is a right one. To no two men would this privilege be more readily and universally yielded than to Professors Faraday and Brande. Why, we are not about to, nor need we, explain. All who know them, and their careful experimental labours, will at once supply the reason. The remark merely occurred to us from the fact of their both having at the first two evening meetings of the institution appeared in the character of Mentor—the former on the 19th inst. (see our Mentor-the former on the 19th inst. (see our last No.), and the latter on the occasion that we chronicle here, when he directed attention to a class of chemical actions which have lately attracted much attention, and which are in themselves exceedingly curious and important. They are cases in which chemical combinations and decompositions are brought about by causes apparently independent of chemical affinity properly so called; in which bodies themselves to all appearance passive induce chemical ac-tivity, seemingly, in some instances, by their mere presence or contact—by "an action of presence," as it has been termed; whilst in others, a body itself in a state of change seems to possess a power of communicating the same or a similar tendency to change in other bo-dies. This latter expression is apparently founded upon the dynamic law, "that a molecule set in motion by any power can impart its own motion to another molecule with which it own motion to another molecule with which it may be in contact,"—an axiom true cnough as far as it goes; but not, as Mr. Brande thought, and as he proceeded to shew, logically applicable to those cases of chemical action attempted to be explained by it. The true cause he considered to be entirely unknown. It may be called contact, or catalysis, or communicated motion, or molecular impulse; but these are mere terms expressive of a hidden agency; and the chemists who have expused the molecular interpretations. and the chemists who have espoused the molecular theory of communicated motion seem to forget that motion, though it may impart, cannot generate, force, and that whatever the moving body gives, it must itself lose. The cause of these phenomena, like that of affinity in the ordinary acceptation of the term, is hidden. In cases of chemical action it is said that the results are brought about by the exertion of the mutual affinities of the acting bodies. But in those coming under the denomination of catalytic or contact action, or action by presence, no such play of affinities and mutual inter-change of elements can be detected. And it is curious that platinum, a body very inert in re-ference to its common and characteristic che-mical inactivity, is the substance of all others the most remarkable for its catalytic powers. This was evidenced by the action of spungy

platinum over a hydrogen jet; itself becoming be understood how certain substances, such as red hot, and then igniting the hydrogen. Also by a platinum wire ignited over a gas jet, and the glowing lamp this metal continues to extain substances, such as acids, kreosote, turpentine, &c., by opposing or destroying that condition, may arrest fermentation, and how it is that grape-juice only ferhibit so long as it may be in contact with ether vapour. Other metals at higher temperatures, charcoal, pumice, and even glass, have some-what similar properties. Another instance of this catalytic action exhibited, was that of the oxide of manganese or copper on the fused chlorate of potash. The oxides themselves undergo no change, nor are they or the pla-tinum in any state of chemical change when they induce activity. These appear to be pure ntact cases.

Now, in reference to the statement, "that chemical action begets chemical action," "that molecules in motion impart motion to quiescent molecules," certain instances have been brought forward to shew that something more than ca-talysis is at work, inasmuch as the body inducing action must itself be in a state of activity. One is, that separately platinum is passive and silver active in nitric acid—the former inert, the latter dissolved; but conjointly, as when an alloy of these metals is plunged into nitric acid, both metals are active; the platinum, finding the silver active, follows, as it were, its example, and is oxydised and dissolved by the acid. The facts are curious and valuable; but as to any particular mystery or peculiarity at-taching to them, it appears to Mr. Brande to be no greater than that which attaches to all the other modifications of the action of force. They are all equally inexplicable and hidden as to their cause; and the mere invention of terms makes their origin no more apparent than is that of any other form of chemical action, or that of gravitation.

Are these "catalytic" actions in any way il-lustrative of those curious changes and phenomena included under the term vinous fermentation, by which is meant the resolution of sugar under the influence of a ferment into carbonic acid and alcohol? Here a kind of magic power attaches to the ferment, something like to that of the electric current. If a current of electricity be passed through a solution of sulphate of soda, the latter will be resolved into sulphuric acid and soda. And if sugar be submitted the action of yeast, its elements will be re-arranged by slow degrees into carbonic acid and alcohol, two new proximate elements, existing, as shewn, in the constitution of sugar. This new arrangement of the ultimate elements of sugar, however, can only be achieved under the sugar, however, can only be achieved under the influence of a ferment: that is, in the 1st place, an organised body; 2dly, an azotised organic body; 3dly, an azotised organic body itself in a state of change or decomposition. These conditions are well supplied by yeast, though gluten, albumen, membrane, and other vegetable and animal products containing azote and in a certain attention of their decomposition when he are tain stage of their decomposition, may be substituted.

How does the yeast act? Is fermentation a case of catalysis? is it the mere contact of the yeast? According to this view, the change in the yeast itself is rather accidental than necessary. Its elements are no way concerned in the result, which is only a new arrangement of the elements of sugar. But it does seem necessary to induce the change that the yeast itself should be in a state of change, or, according to Liebig, that the chemical action going on in the yeast should influence the sugar to follow its example, and set up a chemical action tending to form alcohol and carbonic acid. Such the carbonic acid bubbles off by the bent tube, and when this ceases, the tube is taken out, the peculiar condition, chemical or whatever it may be being carefully stopped by a peg, and the be, is, at all events, required; and hence it can

tation, and how it is that grape-juice only ferments when exposed to air, because the ferment which it contains is put into an active state by the absorption of oxygen.

But another curious part of the history of yeast is, that it is not only an azotised but an organised substance, and that it actually vegetates. Yeast examined migroscopically conorganised substance, and that it actually vege-tates. Yeast examined microscopically con-sists of globules and ovoid vesicles, which gra-dually develop themselves, forming rows or chains—the torula cerevisiae of Turpin. These globules subside from a mixture of yeast and water; the film on the surface being another microscopic vegetable—the micoderma cerevisiæ of Desmazieres.

These germs, then, must be supposed to exist in saccharine fruits and seed, and to grow or increase under certain favourable conditions. When they act upon pure sugar, they are supposed to decay, and not to be reproduced; so that, in such cases, as fermentation advances, the yeast disappears, and is decomposed. But in others, as in the fermentation of wort, they are reproduced, and there results an increase of, or new production of, yeast; and it is thought that the growth of these germs of the ferment plant requires manure, as it were, that is, an azotised body, which it does find in wort, but not in sugar fermentation.

Now Mr. Brande is of opinion, that a particular chemical state or condition of azotised matter is requisite to confer upon it the powers of a ferment; and that the same conditions may be propitious to the development of the microscopic fungi, which are said to be always at the same time discernible in it. He considers that farther proofs are wanting to de-monstrate the absolute necessity of cryptoga-mic vegetation to all cases of alcoholic fermentation. And also that it is quite improbable, as some have imagined, that the whole phenomena of fermentation are referable to the growth of the microscopic plants; more especially as cases might be adduced of somewhat analogous changes, where the circumstances are such as, to exclude all probability of the interference of

vital agents.

Mr. Brande also referred to certain hypotheses in which animalcules are supposed to be concerned in the phenomena of fermentation, and exhibited some excellent drawings of the appearance of yeast in its different vegetative stages from a work of Mitscherlich, for which he said he was indebted to Professor Graham. In conclusion, he adverted to several modes of preparing what has been called artificial or extemporaneous yeast, and pointed the atten-tion of his audience to a process of fermenta-tion which was going on in the room, in which good beer was obtained without the interference of yeast, or any other added ferment. The wort, Mr. Brande said, was made as usual, and boiled with the hops; then allowed to cool down to blood-heat, and the whole introduced into a cask, set an end, so as within an inch or two to fill it. The cask is then made quite air-tight, except that a tube, of about half an inch diameter, is fixed into the head, and bent so as to dip into a dish of water: in a warm cellar fermentation soon comes on (though no yeast, nor any exposure to air in coolers, has been resorted to), and continues for some days or

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becomes fine-it may then be used from the cask, or bottled.

ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Jan. 24 .- Dr. Hodgkin in the chair. The first paper was by Mr. Masterson, wherein the in-habitants of Vernet des Bains, in the Eastern Pyrenees, are described as " long heads," very few round heads having been found amongst them. They are of short stature, of swarthy complexion, particularly industrious and moral. and altogether different from the Basques. Many Spanish words have been traced in their language; and some of the inhabitants are said to be descended from the Moors, who took refuge in these mountains after the terrible defeat they suffered from Charles Martel. The second paper was by Sir A. F. de Ritgen, professor of obstetrics at Giessen, entitled " A comparative view of the pelvis in the different varieties of mankind." It was strictly profes-sional in fact, and truly German in theory. The speculations of the professor are nevertheless very ingenious. He believes that whilst that part of the pelvis which is above the brim may be compared to the skull, and bearing some relation to it, the inferior portion may be compared to the face-the seat of the senses. The secretary, Dr. King, introduced this paper to the society as containing matter of novel interest in the study of man, and stated that it was manifestly an error to consider the cranium as the sole or chief point of national distinction, and that it would be one of the objects of the Ethnological Society to compare the several portions of the skeleton in different nations. The third paper was by Mr. Bayle St. John, "On the Mongols." They are characterised by the author as the nation which left their native seat, under the conduct of Ghengis Khân, and exercised a temporary sway over a large portion of the East. "According to Rachid-eddin, the name (which, used as an adjective, signifies 'valorous,' 'courageous') was first bestowed on the numerous progeny of Alung-goa, mother of Budantzar, tenth ancestor of Ghengis Khan, about the year 1000, and must have been afterwards applied by extension to the subjects of Budantzar; for, at the birth of his illustrious descendant, the Mongols were already a powerful people. The ghers, or felt tents, of this pastoral people were originally pitched amidst the mountains and forests on the south-eastern banks of Lake Baikal round the mouth of the Selinga, which, flowing from the very heart of Mongolia, seemed to tempt them upwards to the land which they afterwards occupied. They settled also in the islands of the lake: and Olkhon is still inhabited by their descendants (the Buriats), who possess fine herds of cattle; cultivate the ground, which they carefully irrigate by little runnels derived from their rare springs; hunt wolves, bears, and squirrels, and cross over to the southern shores of the lake to capture the the southern shores of the lake to capture the seal. It was in such a situation that the Mongols grew up, scarcely keeping pace with its neighbours in knowledge and civilisation until the birth of the great Temugin—by some, derived from a smith; by others, from an ancient family who introduced the use of forges into the country; by the Chinese, from the blue wolves and white goats, which they assert to be the ancestors of all the Mongols; but, as has already been observed, by Rachid-eddin and other credible authorities, from Rudantzar. and other credible authorities, from Budantzar, son of Alung-goa. There are two periods in the history of Mongolia since the days of Ghengis Khān: the first extends through the

centuries: the seventeenth was an age of transition; the second continues to our own day. During all this time there may be observed a gradual revolution in the manners and character of the Mongols, amply accounted for by the changes in their political condition and religious ideas.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.

Jan. 31 .- Mr. T. Hoblyn in the chair. paper by Mr. Heaton, "On the principal cause of the rocking motion of locomotive engines and railway carriages," The author considers the unpleasant motion experienced in railway travelling to be chiefly attributable to the imperfect equilibrium of the wheels: heavier in one part than another, they cause the rocking and jumping of the carriages. A difference of weight in different sides of the same wheel, to the extent of six or seven pounds, is frequent. And the author says, if the wheels were per-fectly equilibrated, they would revolve without any oscillating movement, the frame would remain steady, and the number of revolutions with the same power be considerably increased. The author illustrated his views with experiments and models. The subject is to be brought forward again at an early meeting.

PARIS LETTER.

Paris, Jan. 26, 1844. Academy of Sciences: sitting of 22d January MM. Dufrenoy and Brongniart delivered their report favourable to M. Rozet's memoir on the volcanoes of Auvergne. The author intends publishing it as a separate work.

M. Gasparin attributes the overflowings of the Rhone during the last few years to the prevalence of the wet S.E., S., and S.W. winds. A contrast of four years gives the following

From 1835 to 1838 28 141 12 181 From 1839 to 1842 51 149 22 222 He proposes to treat, in a second memoir, of means to oppose or to provide against the floods of the Rhone.

M. Fremy described a new method of obtaining with great facility the metals osmium and iridium from the platinum mines, by calcining the residue of the platinum ore with The resulting osmiate and iridiate are treated with nitric acid, which disengages osmic acid, to be condensed in a concentrated solution of potash. The residue, after being well washed, is submitted to hydro-chloric acid, which dissolves the oxide of iridium. And thus are obtained osmium in the state of osmiate of potash, and iridium as a soluble

M. Biot presented the whole of the articles published recently by him in the Journal des Savants, wherein he had undertaken to expose the history of astronomy relating to the theory of the moon. His labours extend to Greek and Arab records. He reiterated his opinion as to the pretended discovery of the lunar va-

riation by Aboulwefa.

French Antiquarian Intelligence. - The Comité Historique has decided on publishing the whole or part of the original accounts of expenses incurred by the Cardinal d'Amboise, minister to Louis XII., in building the magnificent Chateau de Gaillon in Normandy. The most valuable information is contained in these documents concerning the prices of all materials for building, labour, works of art, &c., at the time to which they relate, and Ghengis Khan: the first extends through the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth artists and architects.—The Sainte Chapelle at

Riom, in Auvergne, after a long period of desecration, is about to be restored to the church and completely repaired in the original style Much attention is now turned in France to the mediæval monuments of Auvergne,-a district peculiarly interesting for these as well as its geological riches. [If we are not mistaken more than one elaborate work has lately issued from the French press illustrative of the antiquities of that district. We can mention in parti-cular L'Auvergne au Moyen Age, by M. Branche; a well-illustrated book. Ed. L. G.]-The comits has lately received a communication from M. Lassaulx, one of its foreign correspondents a Cologne, in which he states that he has been able in Rhenish Prussia to construct village churches in a pure style of mediæval architecture, with a steeple, for the small sum of 11,000 to 13,000 francs, or about 440l. to 520l. each. He has built a church with three aisles for 30,000 to 35,000 francs, or 12001. to 14001. rubble stone being the principal material, and ashlar being used very sparingly. Several churches are now building in Normandy, and in the mediæval style, at unusually small cost

M. Ardant, of Limoges, has lately published a small work on the enamellers of Limoges and their works during the middle ages. It contains, among other curious matter, the copy of a manuscript of the sixteenth century upon the making of enamels, with various receips for the process. Another curious book ba been published, on the pilgrimage of the Flagellants at Strasburg in 1349; containing entracts from a Ms. chronicle of 1362, drawn u by one of the clergy of the cathedral. The large work of the Rev. MM. Martin and Cahie upon the cathedral of Bourges is going on in excellent style. That part which illustrates the stained glass windows is peculiarly good. atlas of plates is on what the French publishers call "Atlantic folio." It is illustrated by examples from Salisbury and Cologne.

In order to stop the civil and ecclesiastical authorities of country places in France from selling objects of mediæval art contained in churches to dealers in curiosities, many bishop have now insisted on each beneficed clergyman making out an exact inventory of all objects whatsoever in his church, and returning it is the central diocesan archives. He is thus held responsible for the articles in the inventor, and no sale can take place without the bishoy's permission.—The French chambers now von 600,000 francs (24,0001.) per annum for the preservation of national historical monuments, and the departments give 900,000 fr. (36,000) per annum more for the same purpose. The minister of public worship has 1,600,000 is (64,0001.) per annum for the repairs of cathedrals alone, and the towns in which they # situated give 1,000,000 fr. (40,000l.) per annul

LITERARY AND LEARNED.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

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Oxford, Jan. 2.—The choising degrees were served; — Masters of Aria.—C. Kemble, Wadham Coll., quality of the Lord Viscount Granley, P. L. B. Acland, Rev. T. D'Oyly Walters, Christ Charch; B. H. Hill, Rev. C. C. Domville, Wadham College; Bow, Thomson, scholar, Rev. T. H. Chase, Michel Blow, Queen's College; Rev. C. H. White, Orle! Call Bouls' College; Rev. C. H. White, Orle! Call Rev. M. Rogers, Balliol College; Rev. G. H. White, Orle! Call Rev. W. Hogers, Balliol College; Rev. B. Beachelors of Arta.—H. G. Levius, Edmund Hall; Abud, Wadham College; M. S. Edgell, Orle! College, M. H. T. Hutelsins, scholar, M. W. P. Thurshy, C. S. Godby, J. M. Foster, Lincoln College; J. See-Univ. College; J. W. Sydenham, Balliol College; J. See-Univ. College; J. W. Sydenham, Balliol College; J. See-Univ. College; J. W. Sydenham, Balliol College; J.

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CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 24.—The following degrees were conferred:—

Honorary Masters of Arts.—The Right Hon. the Earl Nelson, Trinity College; Lord J. de B. Browne, Magd. College; the Hom. A. R. S. Rice, T. A. Babington, H. H. Seymour, Trinity College.

Masters of Arts.—Rev. R. Ainslie, Emmanuel Coll.; E. Birch, St. John's College; J. S. Hiley, St. John's College.

Backetor of Arts.—J. H. Buck, Christ's College.

Smith's Prizes.—The two annual prizes of 35t. each, ieff by Dr. Smith, late master of Trinity, to two commencing Bachelors of Arts, the best proficients in mathematics and natural philosophy, have been adjudged—I. G. W. Hemming, B.A., St. John's College (second wrangler); 2. W. B. Hopkins, B.A., Caius College (second wrangler).

ASIATIC SOCIETY.

Jan. 20.—Prof. H. H. Wilson in the chair. The proceedings of the day were declared special for the purpose of making provision for the more ready admission into the society of gentlemen visiting England on temporary leave of absence from their services in India. The result of the discussion was, that the existing regulations were declared to provide sufficiently for the object in view; as it would be competent, under a liberal interpretation of art. 49, for any members of the services of the crown or the East India Company, whose usual abode would be in the presidencies and settlements which they were permanently attached, to become non-resident members; for which privilege the annual payment would be two guineas. A general hope was expressed that this reso-lution would become extensively known; and that it would lead many persons to avail them-selves of the benefits which it holds out. It was further resolved, that, in modification of art. 22 of the regulations, all candidates for adart. 22 of the regulations, all candidates for admission into the society, proposed at one meeting, should in future be balloted for at the following meeting. The discussion of these subjects having occupied the time allotted to the business of the day, the meeting was adjourned to the 3d of February.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK :-

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Monday.—Entomological, 8 P. M.; British Architects,
8 P. M.; Chemical, 8 P. M.; Medical, 8 P. M.
Tueaday.—Linnean, 8 P. M.; Chevil Engineers, 8 P. M.
Wednesday.— Society of Arts, 8 P. M.
Thuraday.— Roya, 8 P. M.; Antiquaries, 8 P. M.; R. S.
of Literature, 4 P. M.; Medico-Botanical, 8 P. M.; R. S.
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Saturday.— Royal Botanic, 4 P. M.; Westminster
Medical, 6 P. M.

FINE ARTS.

British Gallery was visible for a peep yester-day, with the works of modern artists, and the private view takes place to-day. Though some of the great guns are absent, the whole will be found honourable to our native school. We have no time for detailed commentary, and partial naming would be injustice.

The People's Gallery of Engravings, &c. Edited by Rev. G. N. Wright, M.A. Parts I. and II. 4te. Fisher, Son, and Co. A very cheap re-issue of fine engravings, after criticals.

A VERY cheap re-issue of fine engravings, after originals from a score of our most eminent artists—Lawrence, Turner, Stanfield, Prout, Roberts, Allom, Hayter, Macline, Chalons, Parris, Stephanoff, Cattermole, Pickersgill, Leitch, Bartlett, &c.—and with four plates on steel in each Part. It may well be called the People's Gallery, when a brave likeness of Lyndech, from Lawrence—a sweet likeness of L. K. L.

Engravings from the Works of Sir Thomas Law-rence, P.R.A. Part XIV. London, Graves and Warmsley.

WE are afraid that we have had little or no regularity in our notice of this publication; but gularity in our notice of this publication; but having Part XIV. now before us, we have to mention the portraits of Henry Viscount Melville, engraved by E. M. Jones, and Sir Walter Scott, by W. Humphrey, and both pleasing likenesses of these distinguished men. The third is "the Rose-bud," engraved by J. R. Jackson, and representing the present Lady Ashley when a child. Though not a Reynolds, it is a fine Lawrence, and one of the most striking infamile counterpages that can be imagined. ing infantile countenances that can be imagined.

Domestic Felicity. The Pet. Painted by W. Hunt; on stone by T. Fairland. Graves and Warmsley.
Two of a series from the characteristic, and often Morlandish, water-colour paintings of this clever and original artist. His rustic figures are true to nature; his animals not always quite so perfect. The "Domestic Felicity" (boy with a cat) exhibits this in a slight degree, by giving expression to the animal, which is not quite feline; but "the Pet" (a pig in the arms of a ploughboy) is a capital bit. The agricultural interests are here more amusingly supported than at the best anti-league meeting.

Morning of the Chase, Haddon-Hall in the Olden Times. Painted by Fred. Taylor. Engraved by H. T. Ryall. Graves and Warmsley.

This superb scene of cavaliers and fair ladies, This superb scene of cavaliers and fair ladies, serving-men and retainers, horses, hounds, hawks, and all the paraphernalia of noble sporting in "the olden times," is altogether a delightful production. The images are pleasing, the forms, both human and animal, beautiful and spirited, the costume picturesque, the grouping excellent, and the whole animated and full of action. In speaking of the costume, however, we are not sure that the ladies' dresses are such as were adonated for riding out dresses are such as were adopted for riding out to the chase, so much as for the interior of their halls and chambers? In the execution of the plate Mr. Ryall has done ample justice to Mr. Taylor; and when we say of the latter that his work might be taken for an Edwin Landseer, without much if any disparagement, we have paid him at once the highest compliment his deserts could crave.

SKETCHES OF SOCIETY.

WONDERFUL PHENOMENA.

By the last despatches from Van Dieman's Land, not yet published, nor even noticed elsewhere, accounts have reached us of the occurwhere, accounts have reached us of the occur-rence of some very wonderful phenomena in that quarter of the earth. At midnight the natives were suddenly alarmed by a violent explosion, which threw some of them out of their beds, and caused the rest to rise in ex-treme hurry. The houses were soon emptied of inhabitants; and much agitated inquiry into the nature of the shock, and its probable con-sequences, as well as into the chances of its repetition, occupied the alarmed population till daylight. Earthquake, volcano, avalanche, inbreak of the sea, and every other probable and Roberts, Allom, Hayter, Maclice, Chalons, Inbreak of the sea, and every other probable and leitch, Bartlett, &c.—and with four plates on steel in each Part. It may well be called the People's Gillery, when a brave likeness of Lyndoch, from Lawrence—asweetlikeness of L. E. L., from Lawrence—asweetlikeness of L. E. L., from Maclice—a humorous scene, from Jen-

V. Richards, C. W. F. Glyn, T. O. Blackall, students, R. L. Lopes, C. G. Douton, Christ Church.

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 24.—The following degrees were conferred:—

The Pilat Way of the First two Parts.

Kins—a beautiful landscape, by Allom—or a place, and evidently through volcanic agency, though the internal fires were already extinct. The sulphureous smell was almost overpowering; and the débris of rocks and other hard though the internal fires were already extinct. The sulphureous smell was almost overpowering; and the débris of rocks and other hard substances, scattered about in every direction, afforded frightful evidence of the violence of the eruption. The upper strata of that portion of the land visited by the calamity seemed to be disturbed to an amazing extent; but what was still more astonishing, it was distinctly seen that not only the superficial strata, but strata far below geological investigation had been thrown up, apparently from the very bowels of the earth. A careful examination and classification of these extraordinary ma-terials was immediately resolved upon, and carried into execution; and the consequence was, the speedy formation of a museum such as never was witnessed on the surface of this world before. Never were philosophers so puzzled as were the savans of Van Dieman's puzzied as were the savans of Van Dieman's Land; and, indeed, there was enough to be-wilder the best informed. From the vile smell of sulphur, and the semblance of articles like bolts of nickel or iron, hardened by an incredible intensity of heat or electricity, one religious person was nearly led to the conclusion that the explosion came from regions of everlasting torment in the centre of the globe; but this idea was scouted by the more practical men. Singular combinations of chalk with another matter unknown to geology, and a vast number of riven and mutilated fragments foreign to the country, underwent the most scrupulous tests, but nothing could be ascertained. At last, however, by one of those for-tunate accidents which so often supersede the most sagacious philosophical labours, a negro-servant picked up a piece of wood resembling the stave of a barrel, and sticking upon its charred side something like partially ignited paper. This not being entirely consumed, was separated into thin layers, as if it had been a MS. from Herculaneum; and, to the amazement of Sir John Franklin, was discovered to be part of a letter from Major-General Pasley, dated "Wreck of Royal George, January 25, 1843," to Mr. Cubitt, the engineer of the Dover Railroad, and assuring him that he would with pleasure be at Dover the next day, to witness the blowing-up of the Rounddown Cliff. There could therefore be no doubt but that, besides performing that great work, the blast had perforated the great globe itself; and that these terrible effects and dislocated fragments had been produced by Mr. Cubitt's inimitable con-trivance to save the company a thousand pounds in manual labour!!!

THE DRAMA.

Lyceum .- It is with regret that we record the unpromising commencement of a new era in theunpromising commencement of a new era in the atrical history,—the performance of Shakspere's plays within the once-forbidden precincts of the patent "Garden' and "Old Drury." From their classic boards, 'tis true, former glories have departed, but they shadow forth as yet a re-appearance no where. At the Lyceum, alias the English Opera House, the first part of Henry IV. was selected and presented on Monday evening for the attempt. We, avoiding the excitement of an opening night, when perfect the selection of the section of the the excitement of an opening night, when per-

He is easy and gentlemanlike, but he wants the stuff for Falstaff—the racy, unctuous, chuck-ling humour, of which there was not a trace in his delineation. The part was almost throughout gravely declaimed; and when a laugh followed the delivery of any passage, the author, not the actor, raised it; in truth, it was very, very slow. Mr. Melford also was "slow;" misconceives the character entirely, and is grave, heavy, solemn; in short, every thing Prince Hal should not be. One wonders that he could utter such wild sallies so methodically. Mr. Wentworth again is "slow;" thinking of his person, and placing himself in attitudes, picturesque enough, but glaringly too studied; he, moreover, swallows half the words; and what reach the audience are little more than senseless sounds, or unconnected words, words, words. In fact nothing can convey a better notion of the whole, with the exception of Keeley, who was, as ever, admirable in the part of First Carrier, -than the single word we have so often used. " slow." As amateurs, with friends for audience, the gentlemen acquitted themselves very fairly; as actors, with the general public for judges, they must fail to attract; at least, in such ambitious parts. Mr. Younge as the King and Mrs. Griffiths as Hostess were respectable.

The Keeleys, Miss J. Mordaunt, Mr. Emery, &c. &c., appeared in the after-piece-a melodrama by Peake, founded on a story of Washington Irving. Mrs. Keeley plays a young Dutchman, Dolph Heyleger, with great humour, and sings twice every evening a pretty song, composed by Rodwell. The first act is very lively, the second not quite so brisk; but the whole is one of the best of ghost-stories, admirably embodied, and well performed; the

scenery too is charming.

On Thursday Tobin's comedy of the Honeymoon gave us again Mr. Wentworth as Duke Aranza—a trifle better, perhaps, than his Hot-spur, but with the same faulty articulation and general tediousness; also Mr. Tuckett as Rolando - nearly voiceless from influenza, but again utterly deficient in spirit. We fear that it will be useless for these gentlemen to persevere in playing first parts in popular plays, the sense of every unprejudiced auditor must be against them; and that empty benches will soon exhibit the complete failure of the present arrangement for first pieces. We e Romeo and Juliet announced : Romeo and Mercutio will respectively, we think, settle the matter. We should be glad to prove false prophets. A few words for the regulars, and we have done. Count Montalban was well played by Mr. Hemming, Lampedo with considerable humour by Mr. Turner, and Jacques the mock duke with infinite drollery by Keeley. Juliana was sus-tained by Miss Angell, from the Edinburgh theatre,—a first appearance in London. Her dress and manner are somewhat provincial, but she promises well; her voice and delivery are agreeable; and in the early scenes she departed from the usual representation, giving them with passion rather deep than loud: we think that she will succeed. Mrs. Seymour, according to the bill, also a début in the metropolis. There is, however, nothing provincial about her, tout an contraire; and we recognised her as Miss Allison, a popular little actress at the Haymarket, St. James's, Victoria, &c. &c., playing tragic characters. On Thursday there was no lack of ease and animation, perhaps too much of laughter, in her first attempt in genteel comedy. The Zamora of Miss J. Mordaunt was measured and lady-like; a lively part, however, suits her better.

Adelphi .- Judith of Geneva, one of the species Adelphi, Mrs. Yates heroine (but this time a guilty and revengeful one), involved in mysterious troubles; O. Smith, rascal taking advantage thereof; Lyon, man of honour, bandied from side to side by varying circumstances; and Wright, comic, making the people laugh;
—has this week been produced here with the

French Theatre .- Achard's progress in public opinion is rapid; and since our last we have seen him in two new pieces-an interlude played by himself, Les Economies de Cabrochard, and a historical vaudeville called Farinelli. The first is just sufficiently comic to be pleasing, with its trap-door to facilitate the lodger's acting, and catch the audience. Farinelli is a full three-act drama, which Achard's voice and songs carry through with éclat. We must also notice Lemadie's Ferdinand, the priest and doctor-ridden king, an uphill character, which he performed excellently well. Mdlle. Beauchere, the chère amie of Farinelli, also made herself very agreeable by her pretty arch acting. The house now begins to fill with the rank and fashion of the metropolis.

ORIGINAL POETRY.

I LOOK TO THE WEST.

I LOOK to the west, where 'midst darkness and cold The sun hath descended, like sorrow, to rest; And I tell my sad heart still some comfort to hold, For a morn shall yet beam in a land of the blest.

So I hush my sweet baby that shivering sleeps, And think of the arms that await him above: Though the tears of his mother congeal as she No winter can enter God's kingdom of love.

Thou sleep'st not, my father, who cast me away; Thou sleep'st not, dear mother, who pray'd for thy Thou sleep'st not, dear noomer, child;
Thou sleep'st not, dear noomer, child;
But long ere the cold wintry coming of day
The heart-broke shall sleep with her babe by her
CHARLES SWAIN.

VARIETIES.

The Opening of the Foreign and British Institute by Prince Albert was appointed at too late an hour for notice in the Literary Gazette; which must go to press early at night to be in time for morning publication.

Trafalgar Square.-The Nelson statue being now (as improved) quite uncovered, has a much better effect than before. It seems better poised, and the form altogether not so heterogeneous. It is stated, that an Artesian well is about to be bored in the court behind the National Gallery, to supply the fountains in the square, and also, if the supply of water be sufficient, the public offices in the neighbourhood.

The late Mr. Loudon. - A meeting on behalf of the family of this lamented author is, we understand, about to be convened. Dr. Lindley, Mr. Paston, and other friends of botanical science, are interesting themselves on the occasion; out of which we trust a sufficient provision for Mrs. Loudon and her daughter will

result. The country owes it to them.

Mesmerism.—Mr. Vernon's lecture on Mesmerism at the Southwark Literary Institution has been described to us as, in many parts, so obviously the contrivance of collusion, that we do not think it deserving of notice as affecting the claims of the more reputable dealers and believers in that mystic art. The managers of the institution should be more careful by what

means they induce crowds to attend.

Dr. Wolff's Mission to Bokhara.—Letters have been received from Dr. Wolff by the committee of the Stoddart and Conolly fund, dated Erzeroum, in Armenia, Dec. 18 and 19. The doctor was detained by a heavy fall of snow, but expected to start on the 21st, to reach Tabreez D. Bernard, Esq., A.M., &c.

on the 7th of January, and to arrive at Teheran about the 20th. The pasha of Erzeroum gives him letters, provides guards, and pays his expenses to the frontier. Dr. Wolff has received every assistance from Colonel Williams, the British commissioner, and from Mr. Brant, the consul. Intelligence has also been received from Constantinople, dated the 2d ult., which states that some people had arrived, who left Bokhara within three months; Stoddart was alive, in high favour, and no public execution had been heard of.

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Further reform: something new!!!-A printed sheet, signed Samuel Cobham (which we have received), proposes for the real representation of the people that every M.P. should have a Weight of as many grains troy as he had voters at his election, and that the sense of the House should be taken by scales, Ay and No, into which these weights should be put. Nobody can deny the novelty of this weighty plan, which would have another advantage on the popular side of the Heavys, viz. that whenever a fierce personal dispute arose they might throw their weights at the heads of their lighter opponents, and thus shew them the trick of a knock-down argumentum ad hominem as well as baculinum.

Royal College of Surgeons .- We mentioned in a recent Gazette the dissatisfaction to which the new charter had given rise among a large number of the medical profession; and we now observe that a meeting on the subject was held on Monday evening, which was attended by a large body of highly respectable members of the profession. Mr. Mackelwain was called to the chair; and Dr. Lynch, Mr. Carpue, Dr. Wilson, Mr. Cooper, Mr. W. Harvey, and others, having addressed the assembly, resolutions condemnatory of the aggressive clauses and the charter, and embodying a firm opposition to them, were adopted.

Statue of the Queen.—A statue of the queen sculptured by Mr. Steele, the renowned Scottish artist, has been erected on the top of the portico of the Royal Institution at Edinburgh. represents her Majesty in her state robes, with a simple coronet on her head; the whole draped so as to resemble the figure of Britannia on the coin of the realm.

Deaths and Marriages. - A German paper states that Catalani is not dead; and the London Court Journal that Miss P. Horton is married to Mr. Reed, director of music at the Hay-

Perthshire Earthquakes .- On the 14th ult. one of those perturbations of the earth so common in Perthshire was felt at Comrie and Aberfeldy. There were several shocks, accompanied by a rumbling noise.

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